

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF FRANKLIN L. BROWN, BY GEORGE PERRY. Boston: James R. Osgood & Co.

Probably no man in private life, and certainly no one not born in this country, has been so closely connected with our greatest and most intelligent men for half a century nearly as Dr. Lieber, and this book will be read with special interest here, where he was so well known. The editor has briefly sketched in his own language a few of the facts in the early life of the great publicist, and has left the large proportion of his history to be told through the medium of Dr. Lieber's own letters and diary. His early love of freedom and his ardent and enthusiastic patriotism, which had caused him difficulty in his native land, strengthened as he grew in years and thought, and was given to his adopted country with all the force of his earnest character. He enjoyed the friendship and confidence of the most eminent statesmen and men of letters, and his opinion was eagerly sought upon every question of national importance. Having lived for many years in the South, he thoroughly understood the character of the people of that section, and after the election of Buchanan, predicted the conflict between the North and the South which followed five years later. His love of freedom of course made him abhor the system of slavery, and he was one of the first to advance the doctrine, after the war commenced, that negroes entering the lines of the Union Army were entitled to be free. All his letters indicate a frank, truthful character of the man, and his simple, straightforward method of expression attracts and holds the attention. The subjects upon which he wrote were varied, but in the discussion of them all he shows thorough familiarity and perfect understanding. His whole life was devoted to the study and inculcation of the great lessons of political experience, and the motto, *Veritas Liberabit Vobis*, was his guiding principle, which was placed conspicuously in Lieber's house, was the key-note of his thoughts, his studies, and his life.

THE WONDERFUL CITY OF TOKIO, OR, FURTHER ADVENTURES OF THE JEWETT FAMILY AND THEIR FRIENDS, OTTO SAMBO, BY EDWARD L. LEE. Boston: Lee & Shepard.

This book will be welcomed at this time by those who are pondering as to the character of books to give to youth. The author was for a long time a resident of Japan, and consequently is thoroughly familiar with the customs and manners of the people, as well as the localities which he describes, and he took the Jewett family and surrounded them with scenes that are so curious and strange as they are interesting. His manner of telling the story is exceedingly pleasant, and he permits his readers to view things as he saw them, but to form opinions of their own. Under the same title, this Japanese friend, Dr. Nambu, the Jewett family travel from point to point, dine at a Japanese restaurant, assist at a conflagration, are entertained by jugglers, are made acquainted with all sorts of trades, and in fact, have a most adventurous. The attractiveness of the matter of this book is fully equalled by the illustrations, which are abundant, most of them being by a Japanese artist, and imparting something of a new life to the text. The book can certainly be classed in the highest order of juvenile literature, and while it will give pleasure to the reader, will also impart a great deal of useful information.

THAT GLORIOUS SONG OF OLD, BY HAMILTON SEARS. Boston: Lee & Shepard.

The well-known series of illustrated hymns and songs, issued by Messrs. Lee & Shepard, which have been so justly popular among all classes of readers, have received a valuable addition in the volume now before us, which is one of the most attractive holiday books issued this season. The poem itself is one of the two gems, the other being "Calm on the Lutescent East of the Mountains," which will keep the memory of their author long after the learned sermons which he wrote are forgotten, and the letter-press, paper illustrations and binding of the book are rich and artistic. All the illustrations are by Alfred Freckles, and are engraved by George T. Andrews. The book commends itself for presentation purposes, and will doubtless be extensively sought during the holiday season.

THE JOLLY ROVER, BY J. T. TROWBRIDGE. Boston: Lee & Shepard.

There is no more interesting or attractive story teller for the young than Mr. Trowbridge, and the announcement of a new story by him is always welcomed with intense interest by all young people. While his stories are full of incident, and his heroes are every-day boys and girls, yet he always endeavors to teach some good lesson, to elevate the mind and purify the sentiments of youth. In "The Jolly Rover" Trowbridge has aimed to portray the false ideas and the misconduct to which they lead, engendered by the indiscriminate reading of books of the dime novel order; and while the adventures of the hero, who is a well-bred boy, but who gets the idea that he must see the world and do something great, and consequently runs away from home, are remarkably varied and exciting, no boy would care to follow Arthur Wing's example. The book is well illustrated, and many a boy will no doubt receive it among his Christmas gifts.

POEMS OF PATRIOTISM. Chosen by J. BRANDE MATTHEWS. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

This is a collection of poems which, for the most part, are thoroughly familiar, arranged so far as possible, in chronological order of the incidents which are the subjects from the "Boston" of Ralph Waldo Emerson to the "Abraham Lincoln" of James Russell Lowell. In most instances the poems are of a recent date, but in some, as the one last named, such fragments as fall within the scope of patriotism are presented. The collection embraces such authors as Longfellow, Sidney Lanier, Oliver Wendell Holmes, William Cullen Bryant, John Pierpont, E. C. Steedman, J. G. Whittier, Bret Harte, Miles O'Reilly, R. H. Stoddard, William Winter, and a host of others.

Literary Notes.

A paper on "The Supreme Court of the United States," by E. V. Smalley, appears in the December number of *The Century*. It is illustrated with contemporary portraits of Chief Justice Marshall, and portraits of all the Chief Justices and the present Justices. Mr. Smalley will follow this paper up with others on "The White House," "The Capitol," "The New National Museum," and "Washington as a Winter Residence."

"Picturesque Journeys in America" is the title of a pretty quarto in the holiday list of B. Worthington, New York. The most beautiful and picturesque scenery in this country, from the shores of Maine to the wonderful mountains and valleys of California, are pictured in the fine engravings, and the descriptive text is likely to hold the attention of the young. The book, therefore, is instructive as well as pretty, and will be preserved to instruct and entertain long after the holidays are over.

The prospectus of the *Youth's Companion* for 1883 embraces many new features, and is especially attractive. There are announced serial stories by J. T. Trowbridge, William Black, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Harriet Prescott Spofford; tales of adventure by Julian Hawthorne, Captain Rice, Lieutenant P. F. Grinnell, Phil Robinson; special articles on the nervous system by Dr. Brown-Sequard, and William A. Hammond; reminiscences and anecdotes by James Parton, Annie Howells, Frechette, Hon. S. S. Cox, Canon Farrar, Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, and Ben Perley Poore, and other interesting subjects by well-known authors. In fact, the publishers, Messrs. Perry, Mason & Co., Boston, show that the high standard which this magazine has maintained for many years will not only be fully kept up, but that important improvements have been made which will commend it more warmly to the juvenile public.

William Blackstone sends a little pamphlet, "Footlight Flashlight," by Mrs. Charles F. Perin, published by the Standard Book Co., comprising school operas, comedies, home plays, etc., for entertainment in the home circle or at school. The selections seem to be good, and this is certainly the season for private theatricals.

"Chatterbox Junior," published by B. Worthington, New York, is a very attractive

book for children, its many pictures with accompanying sketches affording profitable amusement. The pictures and stories are of a high order of merit, and they are all of delicate merit. Its cover, in brilliant colors, will cause any child to dance with delight.

A Good Word for the Tariff Commission.

The tariff commission has surprised both friends and foes. An evasive and fraudulent report, proposing no material change except in methods, has been constantly and confidently predicted by its foes. Even its friends have hardly expected that its plan would prove strong, wise, and bold enough to form the safest basis of action for a national party. But the report is a brave and honest effort to do just what the needs and interests of the country demand. Inasmuch as no party can hope to succeed unless it does or honestly tries to do this, the report is wise for the Republican party, as well as wise for the country. If it is adopted by the Republicans, they will stand up to the tariff issue, and the Democratic party will be forced to act or not, and if elected into law it will greatly promote the public prosperity. Yet the action of the commission has been so just, so free from partisanship or sectional or personal prejudice, so manifestly designed to promote the best interests of the country, that its report is unanimous as to essentials, four members dissenting only as to the retention of duplicate duties on woolens and party distinctions being omitted, and absolutely ignored in the decision of its members. What seems best for the whole country to such a commission acting with this spirit is likely to be the thing best on the whole ought to be done, and members of Congress may well remember at this juncture that "he serves his party best who serves his country best."

Cheerful Reading for Mr. Randall.

And as for Pennsylvania, she and her Democrats may as well prepare to swallow the physic or walk the plank. If we should build the tariff as high as the mountains, we could not carry Pennsylvania; and if we could carry it, we would turn the election of a President at the price of a compromise of the principle at stake. Anybody was preferable to Hancock in the White House, and the Pennsylvania influences and representing protectionist interests. The loss of the next House by the Democrats would be a blessing compared to the election of Mr. Randall, as its Speaker, which would mean, and the certain destruction of the party in 1884. The Democratic party is either a tariff for revenue party or it is nothing, and until it can come to a decision upon the question, it will not be able to deal with it resolutely and effectively we don't want it to come in at all. In this view we are backed by solid multitudes in the West and South; we know what we are about, we mean what we say, and the sooner the Pennsylvanians understand it the better for all concerned.

He Will Go the Whole Figure.

The wholesome rebuke administered by the State to official sympathizers with the star-route thieves is producing excellent results. It is already a warning to those who have many underlings, whose names have never been heard outside of their respective apartments, are rushing into print with denials that they are any better than the thieves, and who are sure to be exposed. The President is not accustomed to do things by halves, and is not a man who will consent to run one end of the government while the thieves operate the other.

A Truly Good Man.

Rev. Dr. Brand delivered a sermon on Dr. Pusey at St. Paul's Church last night before a large congregation. Dr. Brand said that Edward Bonner Pusey had been a teacher and an example through nearly two generations, and influenced religious thought wherever he had been. He was a man who was not content with the world, but was striving to improve it. He was a man who was not content with the world, but was striving to improve it. He was a man who was not content with the world, but was striving to improve it.

The Tariff on Hoop-iron.

In speaking of the vote in the Ways and Means Committee yesterday upon the question of the tax on hoop-iron, Representative McKinley says, in his opinion, when the question comes up the tax will be reduced to 8 cents per pound. In regard to the subject of hoop-iron, McKinley says that he is anxious that that portion of the report of the Tariff Commission bearing on this point should come up in the House, but in the event it will not, he proposes to make an effort to secure the passage of a special bill for the adjustment of the duties on hoop-iron and the relief of the important interests now languishing.

A New Whisky Bill Wanted.

The representatives of the whisky interest who are in attendance upon the present session say that it has been decided that they will oppose any effort to reduce the tax on distilled spirits. Referring to the project covered by the bill introduced in the House at last session to indefinitely extend the bonded period of whisky stored in bonded warehouses, and which came to grief in the Senate, they intimate that it is their purpose to move for a new bill, which will extend the bonded period to cover a term of five years.

Civil Service.

A member of the Committee on Civil-Service Reform said last night that the indications are that the Kasson bill will be reported back to the House at an early day, and with amendments but little change in its original provisions. Representative Willis, of Kentucky, will to-day offer in the House a duplicate of Beck's civil-service legislation.

A Runaway.

About 5 o'clock yesterday evening, as a carriage containing an unknown white man turned the corner of Ninth and D streets northwest, the horse started to run away and ran over the pavement, smashing the two front wheels of the carriage.

FOREIGN FACTS.

The czar has assumed the title of Lord of Turkistan.

M. Louis Blanc, the French statesman, is seriously ill at Cannes.

The bridge near Gharenton has been shaken. The bridge near Gharenton has been shaken. The bridge near Gharenton has been shaken.

Solomon Haacker, a distributor of revolutionary pamphlets in Odessa, has been sent to labor in the mines for ten years.

Gen. Lynch, the Chilean commander, through the intervention of foreign diplomats, has released Plura from the payment of the \$100,000 fine imposed upon that city.

The proceedings against Messrs. Davitt, Healy, and Quinn have been adjourned for ten days to enable the defendants to meet the charges entered against them.

Gen. Barroes is being highly complimented on his return to Guatemala, and is expected to receive a high honor. He will submit the result of his mission to the United States to the assembly for the purpose of negotiating the settlement of questions so long pending with Mexico, and he will shape his future course in accordance with the action of the assembly. Rev. Mr. Hill, of New York, a Presbyterian minister, has been appointed by the New York mission to officiate in the city of Guatemala. Another priest in this republic has been married, and has consequently been excommunicated by his ecclesiastical superiors. The Champerico and Retalhuleu Railroads, which were to be completed by the end of the road from Escuintla to the capital is going ahead favorably. Horse-cars now run through the streets of the capital.

A TRIP ACROSS THE SUN.

To Be Made To-day by the Planet Venus—How to See It if the Weather Be Fair.

To-day occurs one of the greatest astronomical events of the century—the transit of the planet Venus across the sun's disk. Astronomers, therefore, there is a universal interest in this phenomenon because of its great practical value. It is hoped to obtain from the observations which will be made to-day at different points in both hemispheres a definite standard for planetary measurements. The

transit of Venus is the distance between the sun and earth, about 92,500,000 miles. Astronomers disagree as to this distance, and the observations to-morrow are to settle, if possible, a variation of 300,000 miles. The following will materially aid astronomers in their observations: Venus touches the sun's edge at 8h. 55m. a. m.; is wholly on the sun's disk at 9h. 16m. a. m.; begins to leave at 2h. 40m. p. m.; and is wholly off at 3h. 55m. p. m. The point of the sun's edge which Venus enters is almost exactly the lowest, that is, the point which is nearest the horizon—and during the whole transit Venus will be well below the center, toward the edge. For this reason, Venus will appear as a black dot, and will seem to move slowly from the left to the right and upward across the sun's disk.

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THE "INDEPENDENT" SPIRIT.

A Statement of the Position of the Disaffected Buffalo Republicans.

Buffalo Commercial Advertiser.

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THE MESSAGE APPROVED.

Comments of the Press.

SATISFACTORY, BUT NOT THRILLING.

Philadelphia Press.

On the whole, while the message will not stir the soul, it is a pretty satisfactory paper.

PATRIOTIC.

Richmond Dispatch.

We can say generally that the message is better than we had expected, and makes us more inclined to credit Mr. Arthur with patriotism than we had ever before been.

MUST MEET WITH GENERAL APPROVAL.

Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette.

That the recommendations will meet the approval of the country generally is not likely to be questioned. There is no attempt at democracy, no circumlocution, and no halfhearted evasions. On the contrary, the document is frank, straightforward, and business-like, and will commend the respectful consideration of both parties in Congress.

THE WORK OF A CAUTIOUS EXECUTIVE.

Philadelphia Times.

His whole message, indeed, is that of a cautious Executive who has no very emphatic views to advance, but desires to conduct the public business with credit, and to show that he has overlooked none of the subjects which traditionally belong to a President's message. The document will be referred to the appropriate committees, and the country will go on as before.

DESERVES CAREFUL ATTENTION.

New York Tribune.

The message of President Arthur is a creditable one, and deserves the careful attention of the public. If he should conduct the remainder of his term in accordance with these sentiments he may yet unite his party, and thus secure for himself a greater success than his ambition now pictures to him. He has always talked well. Nothing is needed now excepting that his administration should act as well as he talks.

A COMMON-SENSE PAPER.

New York Letter to Philadelphia Ledger.

The President's message is generally commended as a plain, straightforward, common-sense State paper. On the tariff and revenue questions the free-traders are disposed to commend his suggestions, and the protectionists to question them on many articles, along with the enlargement of the free-list, while the friends of home industry are satisfied with what he has to say in favor of maintaining at the same time the principles of protection.

SENSIBLE AND STATESMANLIKE.

New York Truth.

The President's message from beginning to end is a simple statement of facts, without any of the usual style or rhetorical adornment. It is sensible and not devoid of interest. Like views, its moderation being its most marked characteristic. Because of its moderation it will have no marked effect upon the country, and it certainly fails to suggest any new departure in political action. It gives, however, a very correct view of the policy of the administration, which is honest, but not strong; earnest, but not aggressive.

OF INCALCULABLE BENEFIT.

Washington Register.

President Arthur's message presents, indirectly and without special pains or purpose of that kind, the most complete exposure of the irregularities, excesses, extravagance, and corruption that have grown up in the administration of the government of any public document that has recently found circulation. No campaign book ever compiled more glaring and startling exposures of evil in the public service than comes through the recommendations of the message for correction of the abuses there enumerated. It will be of incalculable benefit to the people to have this document in order that they may see how they have been misgoverned in the past.

CLEAR, DIRECT, AND COMPREHENSIVE.

Philadelphia Enquirer.

President Arthur's second annual message to Congress is an exceedingly plain, common-sense business paper, very much in the fashion of such a one as a steward might present as an account of his year's stewardship. While it chiefly consists of the plainest and most uninteresting statements of fact, it is the hardest kind of facts, it occasionally presents a suggestion or recommendation of greater or less value. It is characterized by no particular grace of style, and by no particular originality